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To avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.53(d), the applicant herewith submits the declaration in the above-identified application duly signed. A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) is also enclosed in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

The Commissioner is herewith authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee to deposit account no. 15-0773.

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Dear Sir:

I, Walter Ottesen, state that I am the attorney for this application and that I have reviewed and found the specification (pages 1 to 14) and four sheets of drawing (FIGS. 1 to 4) as shown in my files to be the papers attached to the declaration of Helmut Schlessmann for Attachment Pin for an Exhaust-Gas Muffler which accompanies this statement and I declare that these papers attached to the declaration are a true copy of the specification and any amendment thereto which I filed in the Patent and Trademark Office in order to obtain a filing date for this application on September 10, 2003.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

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